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1. U.S. Patent No. 5,609,565, dated March 11, 1997, issued to Nakamura,

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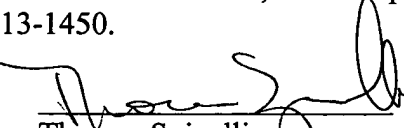

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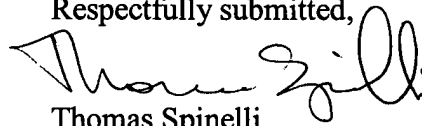
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Applicants are submitting a copy of reference 3. References 1 and 2 are not being submitted herewith, as copies of U.S. patents are no longer required per the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i) in effect as of June 30, 2003. The relevance of references 1 and 3 has been described in the specification.

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OTHER DOCUMENTS *(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)*

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